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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, each year, at the commencement of its first meeting, the Committee elects its Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons. In accordance with rule 19, Bureau members are eligible for re-election. One of the Vice-Chairpersons is later designated also to serve as Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Committee shall, at the beginning of each session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda for the current session was approved by the Council in its decision 2008/228.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

(a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee

The Committee will consider applications and requests for reclassification deferred from the sessions of previous years.

Documentation

Applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held during the period 1999-2008 (E/C.2/2009/CRP.1)

(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

The Committee will consider new applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification from non-governmental organizations and act thereon.

Documentation

New applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: memorandums by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2009/R.2 and R.2/Add.1-21)

Requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2009/R.3)

(c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status

The Committee will consider new applications from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.

Documentation

New applications received from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status

4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

(a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

(b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

In accordance with the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that were approved by the Council in its resolution 1996/31, such organizations are required to submit, every fourth year, a report on their activities as regards the support they have given to the work of the United Nations. The Committee will consider quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations on their activities deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held during the period 1999-2008. The Committee will also consider quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations on their activities during the periods 2003-2006 and 2004-2007.

Documentation

Compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions held during the period 1999-2008 (E/C.2/2009/CRP.2)

Quadrennial reports for the periods 2003-2006 and 2004-2007: notes by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2009/2 and Add.1-18)

Implementation of measures to improve the quadrennial reporting procedures: compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in compliance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008/4 (E/C.2/2009/CRP.3)

List of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council whose submission of quadrennial reports is pending

5. **Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat**

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section will present a publication entitled "The NGO Committee: 10-year review 1998-2008".

6. **Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304**

(a) **Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations**

(b) **Consideration of issues in the agenda of the informal working group**

The Committee will hear an oral report from the Rapporteur of the informal working group. At its 2000 session, the Committee established an informal working group, open to all interested members of the Committee, to review its methods of work, including accreditation issues, procedures, coordination with the secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights, enhancement of the non-governmental organizations information process and security issues. At its resumed 2008 session, the Committee reviewed a number of issues that had been placed on the agenda of the informal working group and decided that the group should continue to meet during its upcoming intersessional meeting, including in 2009, to discuss all related items listed on its agenda.

(c) **Other related matters**

Organizations requesting name changes.

7. **Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/46 and decision 2008/217**

In its resolution 2006/46, the Council decided that non-governmental organizations and civil society entities not in consultative status with the Council, but which had received accreditation to the World Summit on the Information Society, could participate in the next two meetings of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, based on the understanding that, in the meantime, those organizations and entities would apply for consultative status with the Council in accordance with existing rules and procedures, and that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations would consider such applications in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations, as expeditiously as possible.

In its decision 2008/217, the Council decided, on an exceptional basis, to extend to non-governmental organizations and civil society entities that were not in consultative status with the Council but that had received accreditation to the World Summit on the Information Society an invitation to participate in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twelfth and thirteenth sessions, and invited the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to consider, as expeditiously as possible, the applications of such entities in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

8. Consideration of special reports

None submitted.

9. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network

In its decision 2002/225, the Council established the general voluntary trust fund and requested the Non-Governmental Organizations Section to identify and obtain the necessary financial, human and technical resources needed to carry out, in partnership with non-governmental organizations, Governments and other interested stakeholders, the development projects envisaged in the future framework of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network (E/C.2/2009/CRP.5)

10. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2010 session of the Committee

In its resolution 1894 (LVII), the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a subsidiary body of the Council a draft provisional agenda for its following session, together with information relating to documentation.

11. Adoption of the report of the Committee

The Committee is required to report to the Council on its regular session.